

### Remarks/Arguments

The Applicants have attached a Petition for a 3-Month Extension of the period for response, so that this paper is timely.

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the specification, as requested by the Examiner, but have found no errors.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 2-3, 11-13 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 1, which has now been canceled. Claim 3 has not been amended since it is already dependent from allowed Claim 2.

Claim 4 has been amended to depend from Claim 2, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. The Applicants submit that Claim 4 adds further advantageous features to the invention set forth in Claim 2 and is therefore patentable as its parent claim.

Claims 5-10 have been previously cancelled.

Claim 11 was originally dependent from Claim 2 and therefore has not been amended.

Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to include the recitations of Claim 1, which has now been cancelled.

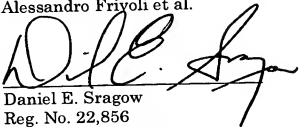
Claim 15 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 14, which has now been cancelled.

The Applicants submit that this amendment does nothing more than perform the amendments suggested by the Examiner, and changed the dependency of Claim 4 so as to depend from allowable Claim 2.

The application now has four independent claims. The attached fee sheet provides for payment for the extra independent claim.

The Applicants submit that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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